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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2006, regarding the abovereferenced application, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment set forth below in consideration of the remarks that follow.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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